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A brighter future

School improvements mean good news for families

Hockey day a huge success

England Men's Hockey Player Henry Weir puts a local youngster through his paces at a special hockey event. Read the full story on P2.

A flurry of positive Ofsted results in recent weeks mean good news for parents, good news for pupils and an added boost for plans to make the borough better place.

Buxton School in Leytonstone is going from strength to strength under the stewardship of new Executive Headteacher Kath Wheeler, upping its game to achieve a 'good' rating in strong contrast to its previous 'satisfactory' grade. The school was praised for the quality and consistency of its teaching and the ambition of teachers to improve learning and attainment. Since Ms Wheeler's appointment in 2012 exam results have improved, as has behaviour and attendance. "We're delighted that the result is positive and also that there is now public recognition for all of the fantastic work that has been undertaken to develop Buxton School to this point," Kath Wheeler told Waltham Forest News. "I'd personally like to thank all of our pupils, parents, staff, governors and the local community for their commitment and support as we continue in our venture to ensure we become the outstanding school that this area so rightly deserves."

Parkside Primary School in Chingford also made the leap from 'satisfactory' to 'good' in the same week, as did Chingford Church of England Junior School. These follow hot on the heels of Larkswood, George Tomlinson and Whitehall schools, all of whom have upped their Ofsted ratings since September last year. This means that 82% of Waltham Forest's secondary schools and 70% of its primary schools are 'good' or 'outstanding', and it is anticipated that this figure will improve further by the end of the academic year.

The borough's very youngest residents aren't being left out, either, with Newport Children's Centre in Leyton receiving a 'good' Ofsted rating thanks to the fact that "it makes a significant difference to improving the lives of local families who use it."

"Giving young people the best possible start in life is key to ensuring success and prosperity later on," said Cllr Clare Coghill, Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

"We're doing everything we can to help give the borough's young people the right environment to learn in, and these recent Ofsted results – along with significantly improved results in a number of our primary and secondary schools - show schools are pulling out all the stops when it comes to making improvements and providing their pupils with a first-class education."

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As part of its pledge to regenerate Waltham Forest, the Council is investing some £50 million in expanding and improving local schools. These works form part of the Council's wider plans to make Waltham Forest an even better place to live.

More info

For more information about what the Council's ambitious plans for the borough and its schools, visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace** Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.

In my opinion

Kiechelle Degale

Director KiE Ltd, Walthamstow

Self-esteem and self-confidence are the foundation of excellence and a prerequisite to success on any level, yet I feel it is an area that is often left undeveloped in young people and adults.

I have been living in Walthamstow for over 20 years and have seen first-hand how the effects of negative self-esteem and self-image can devastate lives. Almost every day I meet and speak to people who are afraid to live up to their true potential or explore different avenues because of negative conditioning.

When we explore the area of self-esteem, which is the feeling of 'worth' you have about yourself, we see the negative impact in our youth through anti-social behaviour, negative body image, bullying, cyber bullying, sexting, peer pressure, self-harm, unemployment and indifference which can impact on mental health.

In Waltham Forest there are already many organisations engaging young people and adults in a range of activities to overcome this from a wide range of youth development programmes to mentoring and community development projects. This is really great news but I think schools and colleges may not always see the value in developing these so-called 'softer' skills as they sometimes focus more heavily on exam results due to external pressures. This is really unfortunate as I believe addressing these key areas can affect achievement in a positive way.

My specialism is creating programmes, projects and training courses around developing self-confidence.

I have been involved in personal development for close to 18 years and I feel passionate about developing this area in others. On my website I offer a free six week course on self-confidence for personal development through email available to everyone.

I can also offer the first 10 schools or colleges in this borough that contact me a free taster session for up to 35 students on a first come first served basis.

I'm currently developing a 'Creating Confidence –Cracking the Confidence Code' campaign in Waltham Forest with a free drop-in element through libraries and local centres. Your self-confidence is precious and I strongly recommend you protect it.

To find out more or to enquire about any of the free offers please email me at Kiechelle@kiechelle.com

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.

International players from England joined young hockey fans from across the borough. Image courtesy of Rich Harley Photography

Hockey Nation

- **Young sportspeople cross sticks for a hockey masterclass from pro athletes**
- **Event aims to give hockey a boost and keep the Olympic spirit alive**

More than 100 young hockey fans from Waltham Forest, Newham and Islington gathered at Walthamstow Academy on Thursday 11 April to showcase their skills and get tips from professional players at the top of their game.

The event brought together youngsters of all ages, backgrounds and abilities with the aims of capitalising on the excitement of last year's Olympic and Paralympic Games, helping groups like local disability team Forest Flyerz expand their network of players and help give aspiring players a competitive edge.

A joint venture between Waltham Forest Council, England Hockey, Waltham Forest Hockey Club, Forest Flyerz and charity Community Links, the event featured masterclasses from elite players and coaches from England Hockey and a tournament that gave the budding young sports stars a chance to test their recently-honed skills.

"Working and training with the GB players was really fun," said one participant, nine-year-old Euan. "I enjoyed the tournament at the end as we got to play against different teams and all different ages."

"It was a truly excellent event," Cllr Ahsan Khan, Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, told Waltham Forest News. "There was a real sense of enthusiasm and excitement from both the young players and the professionals offering them advice, which is exactly the kind of spirit the Council's Sports and Leisure Team is trying to tap into. Everyone did a fantastic job, from the athletes who gave their time to the young sportspeople and the grassroots clubs who help make all of this possible.

"Hockey Nation was a resounding success," added Jo Melchoir, Club Development Manager for FRE Flyers. "England Hockey got to show what a fantastic supporter of grassroots hockey they are, and the clubs have forged a strong network that can only benefit the young players and London hockey. Roll on summer 2014 when the Lee Valley Hockey Centre opens so that even more people can get involved!"

More info

Waltham Forest Hockey Club runs sessions for adults and young people alike, while Forest Flyerz has a burgeoning disability hockey team. To find out more or get involved visit **www.walthamforesthc.co.uk**. Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.

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Fire service survey

- **Local voices speak out against proposed fire service cuts**
- **View plans online to have your say**

Have your say on proposed changes to the fire service in Waltham Forest

Community representatives gathered to voice their concern about plans to reduce the borough's firefighting capacity.

Taking place on Monday 15 April, the meeting at Walthamstow Assembly Hall saw representatives from the London Fire Brigade explain plans which would see the number of fire engines in Waltham Forest reduced from eight to five. The proposed changes would see an increase of almost a minute in the time it will take for a second fire engine to get to the scene of a blaze. The Fire Brigade told those in the audience that the reduction in engines would not impact upon residents' safety.

While recognising that cuts across the public sector are a fact of life, the proposals suggest a significant onus on Waltham Forest, particularly given its growing population and the fact that London Fire Brigade's own report notes the significant link between fires and deprivation. While the borough has experienced an overall reduction in the number of fires in the last ten years, this has been one of the lowest reductions in fire incidents across London.

"These proposals have the potential to be disastrous," said Cllr Liaquat Ali MBE JP, Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion. "The seconds they would add to response times could be vital when it comes to saving lives. In fact the fire engines that are proposed to be removed were only given to us recently because of major safety concerns.

"Not a single resident or councillor spoke in favour of these proposals, and that just goes to show the strength of feeling on this serious issue. I hope as many local people as possible will fill in the online survey to join us in voicing their concerns and pressure the London Fire Brigade and the Mayor of London to reconsider these proposals."

The London Fire Brigade is having to make some £45 million worth of savings, and has identified the closure of 12 fire stations, the loss of 18 fire engines and 530 firefighters as part of its proposals.

More info

For more information or to make your views heard, visit **www.london-fire.gov.uk/lsp5.asp** Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.

Council services directory

In this difficult economic climate Waltham Forest Council is committed to helping residents and their families by providing good value local services that help keep money in their pockets.

To help residents find out about these services the Council has produced a handy directory which sets out some of the things on offer to residents. This includes everything from information on refuse and recycling services to childrens' centres and adult social care.

You should have received a copy of the directory through your door with this edition of Waltham Forest News. But don't worry if your copy has gone missing, you can pick one up from your nearest library or download a copy from the Council website.

The directory sets out information in a clear, easy-to-read format with services listed alphabetically so you can quickly flick to the page you need.

So when you receive your guide, make sure you keep it in a safe place – ready to give you the information you need whether you're asking the Council for help or to find out where you can access a particular service.

Council Leader Chris Robbins told Waltham Forest News: "We are sending residents this handy new directory to make sure that you know about the wide range of services the Council offers and how you can make the most of them.

"Providing you with all of the contact details you need, it's also a reminder that many services can be accessed through the Council's website. This means you can access services, make an enquiry or report a problem at a time that suits you."

More info

To find out more about the services offered by the Council visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/your-money**. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

In brief

Care survey

Are you an adult living in Waltham Forest receiving social care services from the Council? Or maybe you're a carer who has regular contact with social services? If so, the Council wants to hear from you as part of its 'Local Account' – an annual social care report which gives local people the chance to tell us how our services are doing, where we're getting it right and where we might need to make some improvements. The Local Account covers topics like support for carers; rehabilitation and re-ablement; supported living and safeguarding. If you have experience of these services and would like to have your say then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

- **Visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk and search 'Local Care Account'. Please email localaccountfeedback@walthamforest.gov.uk or phone either Debbie Callender or Jenny Hall on 020 8496 3000 for more information or to have your say.**

Photo competition

To celebrate the Art Fund Prize for Museum of the Year 2013, the Art Fund is calling on budding photographers to enter their snaps inspired by the ten finalist museums – one of which is our own William Morris Gallery. Whether interesting, innovative or just pure chucklesome, the winning picture will capture the spirit of the museum while the winning photographer walks away with an iPad mini and a year's National Art Pass. So, whether you've got some seriously fancy camera gear or are just a dab hand with your iPhone, why not take some William Morris related snaps and enter your potentially prize-winning photos?

- **For a chance to win simply upload your photo to www.artfund.org/prize, email photo@artfund.org or twitpic @artfund by Wednesday 15 May.**

Measles update

Measles is often associated with being a disease of the past. Unfortunately it isn't. We had more cases of measles in 2012 in England and Wales than any other year since 1994 and there is currently a large measles outbreak in Wales. Make sure your children are fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella by ensuring they have had two doses of the MMR vaccine. If your child has not had two doses of MMR, whatever their age, contact your GP surgery and make an appointment as soon as possible. Parents of unvaccinated children, as well as older teenagers and young adults who may have missed MMR vaccination, should be aware it is never too late to get vaccinated. If you are unsure if you or your child has had two doses of the vaccine, speak to your GP who will have a record.

The Council is committed to improving homes across the borough and working with partners to develop new homes, as well as making sure private landlords keep their properties up to scratch

Homes for residents

Waltham Forest Council has four key priorities to help improve the lives of residents. In this edition we look at what is being doing to help you and your family with housing.

Housing is a hot topic, with politicians of every hue talking about the necessity for more home-building to meet the growing need. But while everyone can agree on the outcome, getting there is less easy.

In Waltham Forest the Council is working to meet the need in lots of different ways and tailoring how it approaches the problem. "Circle, one of the local housing associations, is looking to break ground on one of two new purpose-built developments for older people in the next couple of months," explained Councillor Marie Pye, Cabinet Member for Housing.

"The two new Extra Care housing schemes are designed to accommodate and support elderly residents and to ensure they are well looked after and supported with a really good quality homes, regardless of changes in their care needs.

"The flats will be designed to be adaptable and wheelchair accessible, with services provided in a purpose built housing environment with care and support delivered to meet people's needs."

Weale Road in Chingford is the first site that will be built and will include 44 one and two bed extra care homes. The scheme will provide residents with a home for life, 24-hour support, meals, domestic help, leisure and pleasant recreation facilities, a safe environment, and additional care available to prevent people being admitted to hospital or to help them return from hospital to their own home.

The Council is also making strides to improve private rented housing too, with a particular emphasis being placed on properties in close proximity to high streets, such as flats above shops. In order to help provide advice the Council has a voluntary Property Accreditation Scheme.

The Property Accreditation Scheme is believed to be the first of its kind in London. The process involves officers working in partnership with private sector landlords to ensure their properties are safe, secure and sanitary.

"So far we have registered over 1,100 properties," said Cllr Pye. "The scheme is designed to help both landlords and tenants get the most from their properties by providing help and advice on a variety of issues.

"From repair and maintenance works, through to legal duties and responsibilities, landlords can also access advice on how to boost their business, while tenants are encouraged to look out for a Council-sponsored mark of quality assurance, which certified landlords can display."

"Unlike other accreditation schemes that assume all of a landlords' properties are up to a certain standard, this scheme assesses and accredits each property individually. There is a fee of £50 per property for accreditation which we have kept deliberately low in order to encourage landlords to apply."

But the Council isn't simply relying on sign up to the scheme, it is also targeting those landlords that are not meeting standards and taking enforcement action against them.

"Ensuring that the residents of Waltham Forest have decent options when it comes to housing is really what we want to achieve as a Council," said Cllr Pye. "In some areas it is about holding landlords to account, in others it is about encouraging high quality new build homes.

"However, what is key with everything we are doing in relation to housing is that it meets the needs of residents. We want a diverse population that can find the right home for them as their circumstances change."

The Council's website has a host of details and advice on a number of different housing issues such as Affordable Housing Options, Disabled Facility Grants, changes to Housing Benefit and options for landlords to convert empty properties back into homes by accessing financial support from the Council.

More info

For more information visit the Council's website at **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/housing**. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

What you say

Residents tell Waltham Forest News what they think about housing

Malcolm Allard, Chingford

"I think it is important to get the balance right with new housing. I have lived my entire life in Chingford and seen lots of buildings previously used for offices turned into housing."

Fatima Lemos, Chingford

"I think it is right that people who have lived in the borough for some time get priority for housing. I'm in a housing association property with my three kids and it is crowded. More homes need to be built."

Wayne Hewitt, Chingford

"I live with my partner and two kids in a one bedroom flat and it is hard. I think the Council should encourage people with spare bedrooms to downsize so that it can free up the property for larger families."

Justyma Tomilo, Chingford

"I have just moved to Chingford from Walthamstow. I think there definitely needs to be more houses built, but I do not agree with the Government's 'bedroom tax'. I think that is unfair."

Jean Batho, Chingford

"I'm a homeowner and I don't think there is room for more homes in Chingford. They need to build more homes out of London for people to live in, but not on green fields."

Priority: Helping you and your family

Priority: Making our community a safer place

Commitment:

- Not raise council tax and will continue to fund the freedom pass
- Make sure you have access to training and education that helps you get a job whatever your age
- Support schools so that they can deliver a high quality education for our young people in decent buildings
- Work with the community to keep vulnerable adults and children safe

Priority: Keeping our borough clean

Priority: Bringing you better shopping, streets and leisure

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In brief

Try swishing!

Swishing, where friends and neighbours get together to swap unwanted clothes, is a fun way to recycle and do your bit for the environment. A recent survey revealed that every year the average North Londoner throws away 27kg of shoes, clothes and bedding. Swishing is a great way to have a clear out and get a whole new wardrobe without spending a penny, just invite your friends round and swap clothes, shoes and accessories. The North London Waste Authority (NLWA) has produced a swishing party guide that includes information and fun ideas on how people can hold a swishing party in their own community, university or college, home or office.

- **To download the free guide visit the NLWA website www.nlwa.gov.uk/swishing. Free internet access is available at all Council-run libraries in the borough.**

Compost your cuppa

Waltham Forest Council's Five Step food waste campaign has launched with a focus on tea and coffee. In Waltham Forest about 811 tonnes of teabags and coffee grounds are thrown away every year, so the more of those slops that can be turned into compost the better. The Council is challenging residents to think about what they do with their tea bags and coffee grounds and asking that any usually put in general refuse are diverted to the kitchen caddy and then the brown bin. By avoiding sending waste to landfill we can save money which can be used on other vital council services. So next time you make yourself a restorative cuppa, make sure you pop the used teabag in your brown bin, rather than throwing it away in your black wheelie bin.

- **If you do not have a brown bin or kitchen caddy you can request one from the Council. For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling/5steps or phone 020 8496 3000.**

Courier fraud

Trading Standards are urging residents to avoid falling foul of con artists after recent figures revealed Waltham Forest is the twelfth worst hit borough in the country for courier fraud. Courier fraud usually involves the victim being telephoned to say there is a problem with their bank account and that their card must be collected. The suspect convinces the victim to reveal their PIN and sends a courier or taxi driver to the victim's house to collect their bank card. Residents are being urged to remember that the Police and banks will never ask for your PIN or bank card. Never give your PIN or bank card to anyone.

- **For more information please contact Waltham Forest Trading Standards on 0208 496 3000 or email tradingstandards@walthamforest.gov.uk.**

You will soon be able to pay for parking via phone and at shops displaying the PayPoint sign

Cashless parking is coming

- **Pay for parking by phone or at one of the100 local shops that are participating**
- **Free 15 minutes parking in voucher/PayByPhone bays across the borough**

From Tuesday 7 May Waltham Forest Council will be rolling out a new system for paying to park voucher bays in the borough. The new system will mean that motorists can pay by phone or via convenient local shops displaying the PayPoint sign.

In addition, the free 15 minutes of parking in these bays will be made a permanent feature across the borough. "It is great news for motorists," said Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment. "If you're only parking for up to 15 minutes you will be getting a truly cashless parking experience!

"We ran a trial last year which allowed people to park in voucher bays for 15 minutes without being charged. This proved very popular and people were delighted to be able to pull up and jump out at shops for a loaf of bread or a pint of milk.

"As a result we have made this a permanent fixture and also turned our attention to making parking for longer periods of time as easy and convenient as possible."

The changes will mean no more fumbling around for coins to buy vouchers or feed the ticket machine. Instead residents of the borough will be able to use the PayByPhone service, which is quick, easy and secure.

Instead of having to buy parking vouchers to display, drivers will be able to simply use their mobile phone to pay and the parking fee will be charged to a credit or debit card. Residents without mobile phone, credit or debit card can pay with cash in over 100 local PayPoint shops.

PayByPhone gives drivers the option of reminder texts so that they always know when their parking session is about to end. It means motorists no longer need to hurry back to their vehicle as they can use their mobile phone to add more parking time from wherever they are – obviously allowing for the maximum time allowed in the bay.

"Similar systems have already been successfully implemented in 11 London boroughs and we're confident its introduction here will make life a lot simpler for residents," said Cllr Loakes.

"The process of registering is simple and straightforward and you will only have to do this once. And residents who have already registered to use the service anywhere else in the country where the PayByPhone service is already in operation, such as Haringey, Hackney and Tower Hamlets, won't need to register again."

There are five ways to register and pay using a mobile phone, online and via mobile web at www.paybyphone.co.uk, by downloading the App (go to your app store and search for PayByPhone), phoning 01962 433 433 or texting 65565.

Residents can continue to use vouchers for the foreseeable future, but they will eventually be phased out in favour of PayByPhone and PayPoint payments. Vouchers will not be sold after Monday 20 May 2013, but you can use vouchers you have already purchased until stated otherwise.

More info

For more information visit **www.paybyphone.co.uk** or check out further details on the Council's website at **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/paytopark**. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Not just any old iron

- **Council welcomes changes to get tough on scrap metal thieves**
- **Make sure you only use licensed scrap metal dealers**

Metal theft is a crime that is increasingly hitting the headlines, with train journeys disrupted and utility companies having cables stolen on a regular basis.

Residents are being asked to make sure they only use dealers who are properly licensed to trade scrap metal. So make sure you ask if they are licensed and ask to see proof, as well. "Obviously criminal activity is stimulated by the high prices that can be achieved for metal, but also because unscrupulous scrap metal dealers are cashing in," explained Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment.

"It's a growing problem and one we have been lobbying the government for more powers to deal with for some time. This is why we're pleased that a new Scrap Metal Dealers Act has now received Royal Assent and is expected to come into force later this year."

The number of dealers in the borough has greatly increased in recent years, with registrations going up from three in 2010, to 51 in 2011 and 61 in 2012. At present there are 148 scrap metal dealers registered in the borough – 134 of which are mobile collectors.

It is already illegal to buy scrap metal for cash without obtaining something called a specific order exemption, and under the new Act mobile collectors will be subject to an even more rigorous licensing and recording regime.

"While we're pleased with this new legislation, I have written to the Secretary of State suggesting a yearly renewal of a licence would be preferable to the proposed period of three years," said Cllr Loakes.

"I have also expressed concern that the level of fees has been set too low, compromising the effectiveness of the application process. We want to implement a robust system that will see all applications properly vetted but we cannot afford to subsidise the process."

More info

For more information about disposing of scrap metal and other trade waste, or for detail of how to apply for a Scrap Metal Licence, visit the Council's website at **www.walthamforest.gov.uk** or phone **020 8496 3000**.

In brief

The Council wants to see strong, consistent punishment for people who commit enviro-crimes such as graffiti.

Have your say on Enviro-crimes

Just as important as having legislation in place that allows those committing enviro-crimes to be punished for offences such as fly-tipping and graffiti, is the need for sentences to fit the crimes. That is why Waltham Forest Council is encouraging residents to take part in a Sentencing Council consultation on guidelines for environmental offences. "Courts need to recognise that our residents want to see strong and consistent sentences when it comes to punishing those people who commit enviro-crimes," said Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment.

- **Have your say on the consultation before Thursday 6 June by visiting www.sentencingcouncil.judiciary.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations-current.htm**

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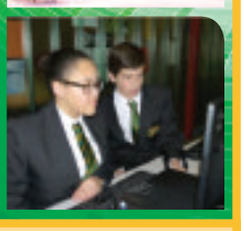

Telephone **0208 531 9231** or email **office@rushcroft.com** for an appointment at 9.15am Tuesday or Thursday mornings.

Visit **www.rushcroft.waltham.sch.uk** for more information.

What's On

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100s of community events promoted here every year

Sports and fitness

Learn belly dancing

Thursdays, 7-8pm
Hornbeam Hall, Peterhouse Centre, Forest Rise, E17 3QG
A great way to help you stay in shape and allow you to express your own personal creativity, enjoyed by many people around the world and for all ages. £5 for one hour session. **If you are interested please phone Sarah on 07735 345 635.**

Flamenco dance class

Fridays, 9.45am-12noon
Church Hill Dance Studios, 6 Church Hill, E17 3RY
Flamenco class, some previous experience an advantage. £5 per hour, or £10 for morning. **For more information phone Vicki on 07757 644 841 or email saborflamenco@talktalk.net.**

Total Body Toning

Tuesdays, 8-9pm
North Chingford Methodist Church, Station Rd (opposite Budgens)
An uplifting full body resistance workout to tone, strengthen and burn calories. Includes use of weights, bodybars, gliding discs, rubber tubing, followed by a floorwork and stretching section. Taught to motivating music. First class free, then £25 per month. **Please phone Lucilla on 07956 695 077, email lucilla@onestopfitness.co.uk or visit www.onestopofitness.co.uk to book your space.**

West Essex Ramblers

Thursday 9 May, 10am
Woodford Station
Join us outside the Snakes Lane exit at Woodford Station for a six mile circular walk exploring lakes and hills. We walk four days a week. **For more information, and a sample programme, phone 020 8502 1628 or visit www.westessexramblers.org.uk.**

Lea Valley Friends short walks

Every weekend
We meet every weekend for short walks of approximately two hours. Walks include villages, tow paths, countryside and London streets. **For more information visit www.leavalleyfriends.org.uk, email lvfwalkers2001@hotmail.com or phone 020 8529 1602.**

Yoga for Healthy Backs

Time and date TBC
New group working with non-specific recurring back issues. 80 per cent of us have a low grade back issue. We often take pain killers to dampen the pain. Now you can use the power of gentle but evidence based yoga therapy to help you have the skills to manage your back issues. This course is taught over 12 weeks with support and guidance of a trained and qualified YFHLB Teacher. This course will only run twice a year and we are now compiling a list of interested people. Maximum group size of 10 people. **If you are interested visit www.yoga4birth.co.uk, email info@yoga4birth.co.uk or phone 07976 903 003.**

Silverthorn Bowling Club

Saturdays from 27 April, 10.30am-12.30pm. Ropers Avenue Ground, Chingford, E4 9EJ. Free Lawn Green Bowls coaching. Young people's group for ages 11-16. Parents and adult groups also free coaching (no upper age limit). Make it a family time. You can book in advance or just turn up on the day and join in the fun. Please wear flat shoes. Free refreshments. No obligation, come along meet new friends and learn the Sport of Bowling. **For more information phone 020 85316619.**

Clubs and community

Leyton and Wanstead Floral Art Club quiz night

Saturday 11 May, 7pm
St Gabriel's Church Hall, Park Road (off Aldersbrook Road), E12 5HT
With Ploughman's Lunch £7.50, without £5. Bring own drink. Booking is essential. **To book phone 020 8524 6526 or email pamfo@btinternet.com.**

Charity book fair

Saturday 4 May, 9.30am-12.30pm
Our Lady of Grace and St Teresa of Avila, corner of Station Road and Kings Road, North Chingford. Come to this charity book fair. Admission free. Hundreds of books at low prices

Trip for Cann Hall and Cathall Ward residents aged 50+

Thursday 25 April, 10.30am
Pick up at St Margaret's Church, Woodhouse Road, E11
Come along to this trip to Greenwich Market, museum and park. £5 contribution to travel costs. **For more information phone Naoko on 020 8558 5652, send a text to 07964 549 271 or email naokouk@yahoo.co.uk.**

Leytonstone Townswomen's Guild

Fourth Tuesday of every month, 2-4pm. St John's Church, Leytonstone High Road (opp the Matalan entrance). New members are very welcome to join us. **For more information phone our secretary on 020 8989 7631.**

Waltham Forest Scout and Guide Gang Show

Thursday 25 to Saturday 27 April, 7.30pm nightly plus 2.30pm Saturday matinee
Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road, E4 7EN. Standby for a great show of family-friendly entertainment. Tickets £10 adults, senior citizens and children £6, uniformed members and groups £5 at any performance. **To buy tickets phone 07538 314 415, email michael.hayward9@btopenworld.com or visit www.waltham-forestgs.co.uk.**

Workshops for parents in multilingual families

Saturday 27 April, 3.45pm-5pm
The Limes Children's and Community Centre, Somers Road, E17
Free workshop for parents in multilingual families. For parents of children aged 0 to four years. A chance to ask questions, share experiences, air concerns and more. You can just turn up on the day, booking is not necessary. **For more info phone Claire on 07770 860 038 or visit www.wfbilingual.org.uk.**

Barn Dance

Saturday 4 May, 7-10pm
All Saints Church Hall, Church Avenue, Highams Park, E4 9QZ
Tickets cost £5 each. **For more information phone 020 8527 1842 or 020 8923 1348.**

Highams Park Horticultural Society quiz evening

Saturday 11 May, 7.30-10.30pm
All Saints Church Hall, Church Avenue, Highams Park E4 9QZ. Tickets cost £10.50 including fish or chicken meal. Booking and payment in advance only. **To book your place phone David and Wendy Spicer on 020 8527 4291 or email highamsparkgs@btinternet.com.**

Lloyd Park May Day Fair

Monday 6 May, 12-4pm
Lloyd Park, Walthamstow E17 4PP
A fantastic May Day Fair featuring Donna Maria's Maypole Extravaganza, food and drink, craft stalls, bouncy castle and face painting. Plus a fun dog show and a chance to meet the council's dog team. Organised by the Friends of Lloyd Park. Free event; dog show entry £1 per category. Registration for dog show takes place between 12-1pm. For a full list of dog show categories and how to enter, visit www.friendsoflloydpark.org.uk. **For enquiries about stalls at the event, email folpeventse17@gmail.com**

Waltham Forest Green Gym

Fridays, 10:45am-2pm
Lloyd Park, Off Forest Road, E17 4PP (meeting outside the Aveling centre). The Conservation Volunteers Green Gym is a scheme which inspires you to improve both your health and the environment at the same time. Experienced leaders guide you through a range of practical projects, giving you the opportunity to tackle physical jobs in the outdoors - improving your strength and stamina, boosting your practical skills and confidence and benefitting your local green spaces. **For more information phone 020 8533 8022, email gg-waltham-forest@tcv.org.uk or visit www2.tcv.org.uk/display/btcv_ggwalthamforest.**

East London Humanists monthly meeting

Monday 13 May, 7.30-9pm
Wanstead Library, Spratt Hall Road, E11 2RQ. Simon Ross, Chief Executive of Population Matters, will explore the issue of population growth and the moral map for an ever more crowded world. Population matters is a leading locally based campaigning group whose patrons include Sir David Attenborough. Entrance free and free parking available. Light refreshments available. **For more information visit www.eastlondon.humanist.org. or www.meetup.com/east-london-humanists.**

Plant sale

Saturday 27 April, 10am-2pm
Chingford Old Church, All Saints , Old Church Road. Plants for sale. Demonstration of how to make a hanging basket. Your Gardening questions answered. All proceeds go to Church funds.

E11 Market

Every Saturday, 10am-4pm
Matalan, 829-837 High Road Leytonstone, E11 1HH
We support the work of local hand crafters, designers and local food producers. We invite you to trade with vintage, hand-sewn crafts, hot food, jams and preserves, cakes, toys, pre-loved collectibles, skincare, bird tables. Our market is a great meeting place and contributes to the sociable community in Leytonstone. **For more information email E11market@yahoo.co.uk.**

Walthamstow School for Girls Alumnae Annual Event

Saturday 6 July, 10.30am-3.30pm
Walthamstow School for Girls, Church Hill, E17 9RZ
Annual get together for former pupils and staff. £15 includes lunch and refreshments. **For more information phone Lesley Winter on 020 8509 9410 or email l.winter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk.**

Baby massage group

Wednesdays, 10-11.15am
United Reformed Church, Buxton Road, E4. New six week baby massage group in starting mid-April. You are taught basic massage skills and early parenting skills. Maximum group size of 8 mums and babies. **For more information visit www.yoga4birth.co.uk, email info@yoga4birth.co.uk or phone 07976 903 003.**

Culture and crafts

Variety musical evening

Saturday 27 April, 6.30pm
St Andrew's Church, Colworth Road, E11 1JD. St Andrew's Leytonstone, supported by Starlighters Musical Theatre Company, presents 'In Tune with You' - an evening of light music and song to fund urgent repairs to our beautiful pipe organ. Local performers include the Mayor of Waltham Forest and a local Councillor. Tickets £10 including buffet and soft drinks. Under 14 £5, under 5s free. Bring your own alcoholic drinks. **For tickets phone - 020 8539 5060 or 020 8556 3080(evenings only) or visit www.standrewsleytonstone.org.**

Strung out violin group for adults

Tuesdays; 6.30-7.30pm elementary easy, 7.30-8.30pm beginners. Thursdays; 6.30-8pm easy intermediates
Quaker Meeting House, Jewel Road, E17 4QU. New absolute beginners sessions starting after Easter but limited numbers, so please contact to book. Got a violin in your attic you want to dust down? Fancy learning a new skill? Strung Out is a fun violin group for adult enthusiasts of all levels. All styles of music welcomed from classical to traditional. Private lessons also available. **For further information, please phone Alison Jones on 07740 622 428, email strungout@shapeshifter-productions.com or visit www.shapeshifter-productions.com**

Five string banjo classes

Mondays; 6.30 -7.30pm basic beginners, 7.30-8.30pm easy/improvers.
Quaker Meeting House, Jewel Road, E17 4QU. Bluegrass style three-finger picking classes run by professional musician with over 20 years' experience. Private lessons also available. **For further information, and to book, please phone Dick Smith on 07903 419 691, email dickbanjosmith@**

gmail.com or visit www.banjosmith.co.uk.

Waltham Forest Community Choir

Mondays, 7.30-9.30pm
St Mary's Church, Walthamstow Village. A friendly choir with a wide-ranging repertoire, from Faure to folk via gospel, African and pop classics. Open to those living or working in Waltham Forest. New members welcome anytime, particularly tenor voices. No audition required. Termly subscription payable. **For more information email Info@singwithus.net or phone 07954 740 745.**

Etching taster workshop

Wednesday 1 May, 7-10pm
Inky Cuttlefish Studios, 5 Blackhorse Lane (through the archway), E17 6DS. Learn the basics of etching, work on your own little etching and learn how to print it. Take your prints and plate home. Price £35 all inclusive. **For more information email anna@inky-cuttlefish.co.uk or phone 07753 686 331.**

Screenprinting one day workshop

Saturday 4 May, 12-6pm
Inky Cuttlefish Studios, 5 Blackhorse Lane (through the archway), E17 6DS. Getting ready for springtime! Learn how to create a three colour screenprint using UV exposure, paper templates and monoprinting. You will take home your own small edition of prints at the end of the day. Price £65 all inclusive. **For more information email anna@inky-cuttlefish.co.uk or phone 07753 686 331.**

Walthamstow Amateur Cine Club

Thursday 16 May, 8pm
Stafford Hall, St Barnabas Road, E17 8JY. Walthamstow Amateur Cine Club (WACC) is opening its doors to all new members on Thursday 16 May. The theme of the evening is 'What a film is, how you make one, how you make it better'. There will be presentations, demonstrations of filming and editing and a tour of WACC's studios, based near St Barnabas Church. All are welcome, you do not need any experience, or even a camera. **For more details, and to register your intention to attend, please email us at waccpost@wacvc.org.uk. You can also visit our web site at www.wacvc.org.uk**

E17 Designers Market

Friday 17 May, 7-10pm
The Asian Centre, 18a Orford Road, E17 9LN. E17 Designers is a community group of artists/designers/makers exhibiting and selling their work at events in and around Waltham Forest. Brighten up your Spring with our established and new designers, all drawn from the local area with a mix of art and designer craft. Check us out for one-off gifts for a whole year of birthdays, weddings, and special treats. £2 entry includes a free drink and goody bag prize draw. **For more information visit www.e17designers.co.uk or twitter @E17Designers.**

E17 Jazz

Wednesday 29 May, 8.30-10.30pm. Orford House Social Club, 73 Orford Road, E17 9QR
The award winning e17 jazz collective presents concerts on the last Wednesday of each month featuring local musicians of national renown plus exciting guest stars in a relaxed jazz club setting. **For more information visit www.e17jazz.com/whatson.**

Children and young people

Spanish for Toddlers

Saturdays, 10.30am
Mission Grove School, Buxton Road, E17 7EJ. Learn Spanish in a fun and relaxed environment suitable for three to five year olds. Half hour class taught by a native Spanish speaking tutor. New course starts Saturday 20 April. £80 per term for twelve week course. £5 registration fee. **To book phone 07568 157028 or email rachelbettelley@hotmail.com.**

Pro Star Football Academy

Saturdays, 10-11am
Wadham Lodge sports ground, Kitchener Road, E17 4JP
Pre-school football sessions for children aged three to five years. £5 per session, but first session is free. Limited spaces available. **For more information, or to register for a place, phone 07539 009 722 or email prostarfootballacademy@live.co.uk.**

Cheeky Monkeys baby and toddler playgroup

Thursdays, 10-12noon
St John's Church Hall, next to Matalan, E11. Come and have fun at this friendly parent-run playgroup with healthy snacks/drinks for the kiddies, tea and cake for the adults, educational toys, baby corner, arts and crafts, dressing up, climbing frame, reading tee-pee ,mini trampoline, story time, music, singing and dance. Non-denominational and all are welcome. **For more information phone Liz on 07855 549 740.**

Rugby for Year 9 pupils

Wednesdays, 6.30-8pm and Sundays. Lea Valley Playing Fields, Waltham Way, Chingford, E4 8AQ Chingford Rugby Club is looking for enthusiastic Year 9 students aged 13 and 14 to join their developing team. Training takes place on Wednesdays and the team plays in Essex Leagues on Sundays. No money needed upfront, can try free for a month. No previous experience needed. **For more information phone Costas on 07590 359 475 or Lawrence on 07834 957 486.**

Children and Young People's Directory

Compiled by the Council's Family Information Service (FIS), the directory gives free, impartial advice on childcare, general information on a wide range of services for children, young people and families and lists leisure and recreation activities of all kinds. **For more information visit http://csd.walthamforest.gov.uk**

Community Ward Forums

Larkswood and Valley

Thursday 25 April, 7-9pm
The Brotherhood Hall, 2a Larkswood Road, Chingford, E4 8LP

Hoe Street

Monday 22 April, 7-8.30pm
St Stephen's Church, 1A Copeland Road, E17 9DB. Arrival, refreshments and informal talk with Councillors from 6.45pm and main meeting from 7pm.

Chapel End

Thursday 2 May, 7-9pm
Chapel End Junior School, Roberts Road, E17 4LS
For more information on Community Ward Forums visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-ward-forums

Council Meetings

Tuesday 23 April
Cabinet, 5pm

Wednesday 23 April
Audit and Governance Committee

Tuesday 30 April
Planning Committee

Thursday 2 May
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall and start at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise

Tell us what's on

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walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk
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In brief

Vote for borough's best small business

There are just a few days left to vote in the Waltham Forest Business Network competition to find the best small business in the borough. There are six nominees to choose from; Oakwolf - a health and safety company that works with young people in the areas of conflict management, self-defence and personal safety; Tidy Books Europe Ltd - innovative children's bookcases that encourage kids to read; Sarah Hardy Food Artist – design and construction of food art for individual and corporate clients; East London Out Project – a social enterprise that provides counselling, support and information to the LGBT community; Paul Henry Architects – a locally based, international architectural, design and project management practice and City Veg n Fruit – a family run fruit and vegetable delivery business that supplies London restaurants, bars and cafes. The six finalists were chosen from their respective categories by a panel of judges from Barclays Bank, Chingford and members of the public are being asked to vote for their winner before the competition closes at 5pm on Friday 26 April. The winner will receive £5,000 of business prizes from Ryman, Waterstones, SupaDupa e-commerce websites, To Market marketing agency and Printing.com Leytonstone. The event is also supported by Waltham Forest Council.
The Waltham Forest Business Network is a group of Waltham Forest based companies and those with an interest in the borough. The network aims to boost business, increase local contacts, improve the way local businesses are run and network with like-minded individuals.

• To register your vote visit www.2013vote.Eventbrite.com. Voting closes at 5pm on Friday 26 April. For more information on Waltham Forest Business Network visit www.walthamforestbusiness.co.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Business Expo

The North East London Business Expo will take place on Tuesday 14 May at Leyton Orient Football Club in Brisbane Road, Leyton. Up to 100 local businesses will showcase their products and services at the trade fair that has been part sponsored by the Council for a third year running. Cllr Mark Rusling, Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Corporate Resources, said: "We'll have a significant presence to help provide advice to businesses about everything from business rates to help with apprenticeships."

• For further details phone 0808 146 9189, email info@nelexpo.co.uk or visit www.nelexpo.co.uk

Competition judges Sue Terpilowski, Stephanie Wright, Steve Warwick and Victoria Cochrane

Business of the Year Award

• Council sponsors accolade at Federation of Small Businesses Awards
• Local businesses encouraged to showcase their initiative and enterprise

Waltham Forest's businesses are being encouraged to enter the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) London Business Awards 2013. This year a special category is being sponsored by Waltham Forest Council as part of their commitment to promote and advance business in the borough.

The Waltham Forest Business of the Year Award will go to the business based in the borough that can show outstanding initiative, boldness and imagination, as well as sound management practices.

"We're sponsoring the award to showcase businesses in the borough that have demonstrated sustainable growth combined with commercial success that is exceptional for the size of the business," said Cllr Mark Rusling, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Corporate Resources.

"Encouraging businesses to flourish in Waltham Forest is a key priority for the Council and goes hand in hand with our commitment to improve employment opportunities for residents. It's really important that we attract new businesses to the borough and do everything we can to make those already here successful and prosperous."

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Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are extremely important to the economy of Waltham Forest, with 98 per cent of the businesses in the borough employing 50 people or less. Over recent years the flexibility of small businesses has contributed greatly to the resilience of our local economy.

"While the size of our economy decreased during the recession by around 12 per cent, that figure is less than the London and national averages," explained Cllr Rusling. "It is testament to our thriving small business community that they show the enterprising vision to keep ahead of the game.

"In these difficult economic times we need to work to help SMEs continue to diversify and succeed. This award allows those with a particular attribute and story to tell to step forward and seize the opportunity to showcase their talent."

Evidence that Waltham Forest already contains some of the best and most innovative small businesses in the country is already highlighted by a number of high profile examples.

The Village Shop/Spar in Walthamstow won the 'Best Convenience Store in the UK Award 2011' from The Grocer and Convenience Store magazines and the entrepreneurs behind Eat17 have seen their Bacon Jam taken on by Tesco and appear on the Jonathan Ross Show. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 15 May.

More info

Any business looking to enter the FSB London Business Awards can do so for free by visiting **www.fsb.org.uk/londonawards** and completing an application. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 15 May.

Aadam Elahi visited children at Buxton Primary School recently to talk about eczema (and show off his impressive yo-yo skills!)

Aadam's eczema battle

- **Leytonstone resident writes book to help young eczema sufferers**
- **Young author hopes 'Itchy Witchy' will be distributed to schools and hospitals**

For some young people holidays with their families mean endless hours of trying not to fight with siblings or pretending that the embarrassing man wearing socks with his sandals isn't really their dad.

But for Leytonstone resident Aadam Elahi, 16, a family trip to Egypt gave him the inspiration to write a book for children who suffer from eczema – a painful skin condition that can cause redness, itching, dryness, blistering, cracking, ulcers and bleeding.

Aadam told Waltham Forest News: "I was on holiday with my family and seeing mummies wrapped in bandages reminded me of the treatments I had when I was younger to try and control my severe eczema.

"My parents would wrap me in bandages and creams at night – known as 'wet wrapping' – to try to control my condition and sometimes I'd even have to go to school with the bandages still on, as my skin was so painful.

"Seeing the mummies reminded me of this, and the teasing that used to happen at school. I thought it would be good if I could help younger children learn more about their eczema and the importance of making sure they applied their skin creams regularly.

"I started the book, called Itchy Witchy, while I was still on holiday, and once I started writing, I just didn't stop,"' he said.

> **"Eczema can be a tough condition to live with, and young people need help with that, not ridicule."**

The book features a central character with eczema and its aim is to raise awareness of the condition, prevent the sort of bullying he experienced as a child and offer support to people affected by it.

Aadam has had eczema since he was a baby and was frequently admitted to hospital because of his condition. He developed Atopic Conjunctivitis when an allergic reaction caused ulcers to form on his eyes and required a series of operations.

At school he felt lonely and unable to interact with other children because of his red, scarred and bleeding skin. He recalls children would refuse to hold his cracked, blistered hands and that they called him "old man hands". He even remembers trying to scratch his sister as he was jealous of her smooth skin.

When Aadam returned to the UK after his holiday in Egypt he made contact with a National Lottery funded programme called 'Fixers' which helps thousands of 16 to 25 year-olds across the UK take action and change things for the better, addressing any issue they feel strongly about.

"Eczema can be a tough condition to live with, and young people need help with that, not ridicule,' he says. "I felt very alone and abnormal. I want to make children and young people aware that they are not alone."

Fixers put him in touch with book illustrator Kate Harrison to help bring his story to life. The design and illustration process is underway and now Aadam is hoping to distribute and discuss Itchy Witchy in schools and hospitals, and is also keen for the National Eczema Society to use it as a resource for parents.

Margaret Cox, Chief Executive of the National Eczema Society, has said that she believes Itchy Witchy will be a useful aid for parents as it offers accurate and sympathetic insight into the condition.

While production of his book is underway Aadam is busy studying for his GCSE exams at Seven Kings High School in Ilford and hopes to have a career in medicine in the future.

More info

For more information on Fixers visit **www.fixers.org.uk**. For more information on the National Eczema Society visit **www.eczema.org**. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

In brief

Community-run library opens

A new volunteer-run library opened in Leytonstone on Saturday 6 April, and will start lending books to members of the public in early May. The library is open at The Epicentre (41 West Street, E11 4LJ) every Saturday between 11am and 2pm, but it is hoped that hours can be extended in future as more volunteers sign up to help. The opening ceremony was attended by a large number of volunteers, as well as current and former councillors and Council officers. Waltham Forest Council has donated books to the project and has helped support the new community library by providing training to the dedicated group of volunteers.

• To volunteer email harrowgreenlibrary@gmx.co.uk or phone 07956 595 210.

Happy Birthday Grace

Leytonstone resident Grace Chandler had a special reason to celebrate earlier this month, when she reached the grand old age of 103. Grace celebrated her birthday with a party attended by friends and staff at her home at George Mason Lodge on Friday 5 April. Before moving to George Mason Lodge in 2008 Grace was an avid traveller and loved visiting different places around the UK. Grace was previously a civil servant and ended her working days as the superintendent of the typing pool at the Ministry of Technology, which later became part of the Department of Trade and Industry. As well as watching television quiz programmes to keep herself mentally alert Grace spends much of her spare time knitting baby jackets. At the moment she is busy knitting for staff who are due to become grandmothers, but she usually knits for the church and they send her baby clothes to charities in Africa. Waltham Forest News would like to wish Grace a very happy belated birthday.

Plan B's youth plan

Students at Buxton School had a special visitor last month as chart-topping musician Ben Drew – better known as Plan B – dropped in to speak to them about self-confidence and self-belief. Drew, who used to live in Leytonstone, made the visit to promote a local project he funds called FREE2B, which uses drama workshops to help young people express themselves and develop their individuality. FREE2B is a collaboration between local charities Box 4 Life and Diverse Voices and is funded by Plan B's charity Each One Teach One, which backs a number of inspiring projects in east London that help young people aged 14 to 25 build their skills and improve their lives. FREE2B will run at Buxton School as part of its extended services programme which offers activities for pupils, families and the wider community.

• For more information on Buxton School's extended services visit www.buxtonschool.org.uk. For more information on Each One Teach One visit www.eoto.org.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Work gets underway in the borough

Better High Streets
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We're four months into 2013 and developments and schemes across the borough have already started to take shape. With so many exciting projects in the pipeline work will be on-going throughout the year. Please bear with us, although some disruption will be unavoidable we promise you it will be well worth it in the long run. The work is all part of our plans to make Waltham Forest an even better place to live.

Street works set to improve High Road Leytonstone

Work will start in Leytonstone at the end of April with a programme of street and shop improvements as part of the Council's drive to improve nine high street areas in the borough.

High Road Leytonstone between Southwell Grove and West Street will be resurfaced, on-street parking will be developed and pavements renewed. Work is expected to be complete by the end of August.

Wood Street shops get a makeover

Shops in Wood Street have already seen improvements with help from 12 local artists who have worked with the businesses to design 24 shop windows and shutters, making the high street look much more attractive.

Designs produced for borough's play areas

Residents have welcomed the announcement that £1.35million will be invested in 22 of the borough's parks following the Council's commitment to improve leisure facilities in the borough. Following involvement with residents', designs have been finalised for the following play areas:

- Bisterne Park
- Cann Hall Park
- Greenleaf Park
- Leyton Manor Park
- St James Park
- Stoneydown Park
- Thomas Gamuel Park
- Wingfield Park

More information about these will be available soon.

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Site cleared ready for work

In addition to play areas being improved we are also working to make some of the borough's open spaces more accessible for all.

Plans to restore and open the historic arboretum at Mallinson Wood are underway with the Green Gym and Trust for Conservation Volunteers clearing the site of intrusive plants.

Work on track at Leyton Leisure Lagoon

Work at Leyton Leisure Lagoon is making good progress as part of a £24.5million programme to improve all the leisure centres in the borough. The leisure centre has been completely gutted to make way for brand new facilities including:

- 25m pool
- Teaching pool
- Water and play features
- Sauna and steam room
- Two studios
- Crèche

As part of the refurbishment the centre will be renamed Leyton Leisure Centre and is expected to reopen in October.

For information on the Council's other leisure centres and membership options visit **www.better.org.uk/walthamforest**

Classroom craned in

In the latest round of school improvements, two new classrooms were craned into the Barclay Primary School site last month to provide additional classroom space for pupils.

This is part of the Council's multi-million pound investment programme to accommodate an increase in demand for primary school places and provide decent school buildings to give our children the best chance of a bright future.

More information

We will keep you regularly informed about these developments through Waltham Forest News and on the Council's website
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace

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1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 19th April 2013 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 84 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be to:-

(a) introduce waiting restrictions operating "at any time" into certain sections of Bedford Road E17 and Brettenham Road E17;

(b) extend the lengths of existing waiting restrictions operating "at any time" in certain sections of Brettenham Road E17 and Winns Terrace E17 and waiting restrictions operating 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. throughout the week in Bedford Road E17;

(c) reduce the lengths of certain existing waiting restrictions operating 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. throughout the week in Bedford Road E17 and Winns Terrace E17;

(d) extend the lengths of certain existing LP-W zone permit holders parking places in Bedford Road E17;

(e) reduce the lengths of certain existing LP-W zone permit holders parking places in Winns Terrace E17; and

(f) introduce a 20mph Zone, with a maximum speed limit of 20 m.p.h. into the following roads; Bedford Road E17, Bromley Road E17, Chandos Avenue E17, Dudley Road E17, Farnan Avenue E17 and Kenilworth Avenue E17.

3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation on 22nd April 2013 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at: (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of any of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 22nd April 2013

Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1). THE WALTHAM FOREST (MARSH LANE E10) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013. TT20

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on 19th April 2013 it made an Order to enable the reconstruction of Marsh Lane Bridge together with highway works in Marsh Lane to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in Marsh Lane E10, the general effect of which will be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except vehicles connected with the works) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except vehicles connected with the works) from this road.

2. Whilst the works are being carried out no person shall cause or permit any vehicle enter or proceed, wait or load, at any time, in Marsh Lane E10.

3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic will be indicated by traffic signs.

4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order will be removed.

5. The restrictions mentioned above will not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:–

(a) in connection with the said works; or

(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

6. The Order will come into operation on 22nd April 2013 and will be valid for 18 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated 22nd April 2013

Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1). THE WALTHAM FOREST (LEA BRIDGE ROAD AREA) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013. TT21

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it intends making an Order to enable highway works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in various roads, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except vehicles connected with the works) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except vehicles connected with the works) from these roads.

2. Whilst the works are being carried out no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed, wait or load, at any time, in the following lengths of roads;-

(a) Bakers Avenue, between the south-western kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 30 metres south-west of that kerb-line;

(b) Belmont Park Road, between the north-eastern kerb-line of High Road, Leyton and a point 30 metres north-east of that kerb-line;

(c) Bickley Road, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Lea Bridge Road and a point 30 metres south-east of that kerb-line;

(d) Bromley Road, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Lea Bridge Road and a point 50 metres south-east of that kerb-line;

(e) Copeland Road, between the north-western kerb-line of Lea Bridge Road and a point 30 metres north-west of that kerb-line;

(f) Dunton Road, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Lea Bridge Road and a point 30 metres south-east of that kerb-line;

(g) High Road, Leyton, between its junction with Lea Bridge Road and its junction with Capworth Street;

(h) Hoe Street, between its junction with Lea Bridge Road and its junction with Boundary Road;

(i) Knotts Green Road, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Lea Bridge Road and a point 30 metres south-east of that kerb-line;

(j) Lea Bridge Road, between the common boundary of Nos. 517 and 519 Lea Bridge Road and its junction with Fraser Road;

(k) Livingstone Road, between the north-eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 30 metres north-east of that kerb-line;

(l) Poplars Road, between the north-eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 30 metres north-east of that kerb-line;

(m) Poplars Road, between the south-western kerb-line of Lea Bridge Road and a point 30 metres south-west of that kerb-line;

(n) Russell Road, between the north-western kerb-line of Lea Bridge Road and a point 30 metres north-west of that kerb-line;

(o) Shortlands Road, between the north-western kerb-line of Lea Bridge Road and a point 30 metres north-west of that kerb-line;

(p) Stanley Road, between the north-western kerb-line of Lea Bridge Road and a point 30 metres north-west of that kerb-line;

(q) Westerham Road, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Lea Bridge Road and a point 30 metres south-east of that kerb-line;

(r) William Street, between the north-eastern kerb-line of High Road, Leyton and a point 30 metres north-east of that kerb-line.

3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic would be indicated by traffic signs.

4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

5. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:–

(a) in connection with the said works; or

(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

6. The Order would come into operation on 6th May 2013 and would be valid for 12 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

NOTE: These works would not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council. Leaflets would be distributed and signage placed in advance of any works in the above mentioned roads which would give more specific details on the exact dates of the prohibitions, effects of any temporary traffic management and diversion routes as necessary.

Dated 22nd April 2013

Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PROPOSED AMENDMENTS – LEA BRIDGE ROAD AREA. The Waltham Forest (Voucher Parking Places) (Amendment No. 5) Traffic Order 2013 The Waltham Forest (Free Loading Places) (Amendment No. 3) Traffic Order 2013 The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 20) Order 2013 The Waltham Forest (Bus Lane) (Amendment No. 2) Traffic Order 2013. The Waltham Forest (Prohibition of Stopping on Cab Ranks) (Amendment No. 1) Order 2013. The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places) (Short Stay) (Amendment No 4) Order 2013 The Waltham Forest (20 m.p.h. Speed Limit) (No. 3) Traffic Order 2013. T22

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 19th April 2013 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 84 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders, as part of a scheme of various improvements for the Lea Bridge Road area, will be to:-

(a) introduce waiting restrictions into certain sections of Bromley Road, Dunton Road, High Road Leyton, Hoe Street, Lea Bridge Road, Poplars Road, Russell Road, Shortlands Road, Stanley Road and Westerham Road, operating "at any time" and between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive;

(b) introduce loading restrictions into certain sections of Bromley Road, Dunton Road, High Road Leyton, Hoe Street, Lea Bridge Road, Poplars Road, Russell Road, Shortlands Road, Stanley Road and Westerham Road operating either "at any time" or between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. and between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive;

(c) revoke free, short stay parking places in certain sections of Bromley Road and Lea Bridge Road;

(d) introduce voucher parking places into certain sections of Bromley Road, Poplars Road and Lea Bridge Road operating between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, 15 minutes free parking, maximum stay 2 hours and no return within 2 hours, and amend the layout of certain existing voucher parking places in these roads;

(e) introduce loading places into certain sections of Lea Bridge Road operating either between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays inclusive with a maximum stay period of 30 minutes with no return within 2 hours, or between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, with a maximum stay period of 30 minutes with no return within 2 hours, and amend the layout of certain existing loading places in these roads;

(f) introduce a 20 m.p.h. zone, with a maximum speed limit of 20 m.p.h. into High Road Leyton, between its junction with Belmont Park Road and its junction with Lea Bridge Road, Hoe Street, between its junction with Poplars Road and its junction with Lea Bridge Road, Lea Bridge Road, between its junction with Knotts Green Road and its junction with Russell Road;

(g) relocate an existing taxi cab rank from Lea Bridge Road to a certain section of Bromley Road;

(h) reduce the length of an existing bus lane in Lea Bridge Road.

3. The current charges for voucher parking are 80 pence for 30 minutes or £1.30 per hour.

4. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation on 22nd April 2013 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at: (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

5. Any person desiring to question the validity of any of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 22nd April 2013

Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF ONE WAY EXEMPTION FOR PEDAL CYCLES – WESTWARD ROAD E4 AREA. EXPERIMENTAL INTRODUCTION OF ONE WAY TRAFFIC OPERATION - ROLAND ROAD E17

The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (No. *) Traffic Order 2013. The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (No. 6) Experimental Traffic Order 2013. T26

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (the Council) proposes to make the above-mentioned permanent Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and on 19th April 2013 made the above-mentioned experimental Order under sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The experimental Order will come into force on 29th April 2013 and may continue in force for up to 18 months.

2. The general effect of the permanent Order would be to introduce an exemption for pedal cycles into the existing one way Order for Bateman Road, George Road, Leonard Road and Westward Road, between its junction with Ashley Road and its junction with Chingford Mount Road.

3. The general effect of the experimental Order will be to introduce one way traffic operation, south-west and southbound, into a section of Roland Road E17, between its junction with Wood Street and its junction with Oliver Road, with an exemption for pedal cycles.

4. Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive (except Bank Holidays), from the date on which this notice is published until the end of a period of 6 weeks from the date on which the permanent Order is made or the Council decides not to make the Order and until the experimental Order ceases to have effect, at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 4JF and (b) Low Hall Depot, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

5. Where it appears necessary for certain purposes, an

officer authorised by the London Borough of Waltham Forest, may, in pursuance of section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, modify or suspend any provision of the experimental Traffic Order while it is in force.

6. Any person desiring to object to the proposed permanent Order or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS quoting reference T26a by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

7. The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely by means of a permanent Order made under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person may object to the making of the permanent Order for the purpose of such indefinite continuation within a period of six months beginning with the day on which the experimental Order comes into force or, if the Order is varied by other Orders or modified pursuant to section 10(2) of the 1984 Act, beginning with the day on which the variation or modification or the latest variation or modification came into force. Any such objection must be made in writing and must state the grounds on which it is made and be sent to Traffic Orders, Environment and Regeneration, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS, quoting reference Traffic Orders T26b. Any objection may be communicated to, or be seen by, other persons who may be affected.

8. If any person wishes to question the validity of the experimental Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order is made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 22nd April 2013
Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

Planning

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 - NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following applications for planning permission have been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO 2013/0352
APPLICANT Mr Luke Chandler
ADDRESS Francis House, 102 Beaconsfield Road, Walthamstow E17 8LU
PROPOSAL Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment to provide 30 residential units comprising 17 x two storey houses (14 x 3 bed, 3 x 4 bed) and 13 flats (4 x 1 bed, 7 x 2 bed, 2 x 3 bed) in three storey block, parking for 20 vehicles and landscaping and public realm works.

APPL.NO 2013/0360
APPLICANT Sanctuary Affordable Housing Ltd & Lindhill Consultancy Services Ltd
ADDRESS Land Including West Works; 43 Fulbourne Road ; Walthamstow E17 and Victoria Works, 30 Victoria Road, Walthamstow E17
PROPOSAL Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 124 residential units (32 x 1 bed, 49 x 2 bed, 25 x 3 beds flats, 8 x 3 bed and 10 x 4 bed houses) with associated access, landscaping, parking, refuse and recycling and cycle storage and 1257 sqm flexible spaces within D1, D2, B1, A2 and A3 use classes.

The applications are open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JFbetween the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated this day 22 April 2013. David Scourfield – Head of Development Management on Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest.

Statutory notice

Proposal to add resourced provision of special educational needs places

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that London Borough of Waltham Forest intends to make a prescribed alteration from 01 July 2013 to:

- Buxton School (Foundation School), Cann Hall Road, London, E11 3NN
- Davies Lane Primary School (Community School), Davies Lane, London, E11 3DR
- Oakhill Primary School (Community School), Alders Avenue, Woodford Green, IG8 9PY

The proposal is for Davies Lane Primary School and Oakhill Primary School to each provide additional places for children between the ages of 4 and 11 with special education needs, and for Buxton School to provide additional places for children between the ages of 4 and 16 with special education needs.

It is intended that each school will make provision for the following types of special educational needs provision that would be recognised by the local education authority as reserved for SEN pupils, as follows:

School	Special Educational Need	Number of places
Buxton School Primary Phase	Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) and Global Development Delay (GDD)	8 (Whole school total of 18)
Buxton School Secondary Phase	Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) and High Functioning Autism	10 (Whole school total of 18)
Davies Lane Primary School	Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	28
Oakhill Primary School	Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN)	6

The proposals for each school are not related.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from:

Web: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/senconsultation

Email: Katherine.Coggles@walthamforest.gov.uk

Tel: 020 8496 8250

Katherine Coggles, Planning and Research Officer
Education Improvement, London Borough of Waltham Forest
1a Harvey Road, London E11 3DB

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to: Sandra Mohamed, School Organisation and Governance Manager, Education Improvement, London Borough Waltham Forest, 1a Harvey Road, London E11 3DB

Alan Adams, Deputy Chief Executive, Families
Publication Date: 22 April 2013

Proposal to expand Thorpe Hall Primary School by One Form of Entry

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that London Borough of Waltham Forest intends to make a prescribed alteration to Thorpe Hall Primary School (Community School), Hale End Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 4DP from 01 October 2013.

The proposal for Thorpe Hall Primary School is to expand the school to increase the physical capacity by one form of entry (from 2 forms of entry to 3 forms of entry). This means the number of pupils to be admitted to the school into Reception would increase (from 60 to 90) from 1 September 2014 onwards.

The current capacity of the school is 442 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 513. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from:

Web: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/thorpehall

Email: Katherine.Coggles@walthamforest.gov.uk

Tel: 020 8496 8250

Katherine Coggles, Planning and Research Officer
Education Improvement, London Borough of Waltham Forest
1a Harvey Road, London E11 3DB

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to: Sandra Mohamed, School Organisation and Governance Manager, Education Improvement, London Borough Waltham Forest, 1a Harvey Road, London E11 3DB

Alan Adams, Deputy Chief Executive, Families
Publication Date: 22 April 2013

Explanatory Notes

1. 1. It is anticipated that some degree of building works to facilitate the proposal will be carried out to the building.

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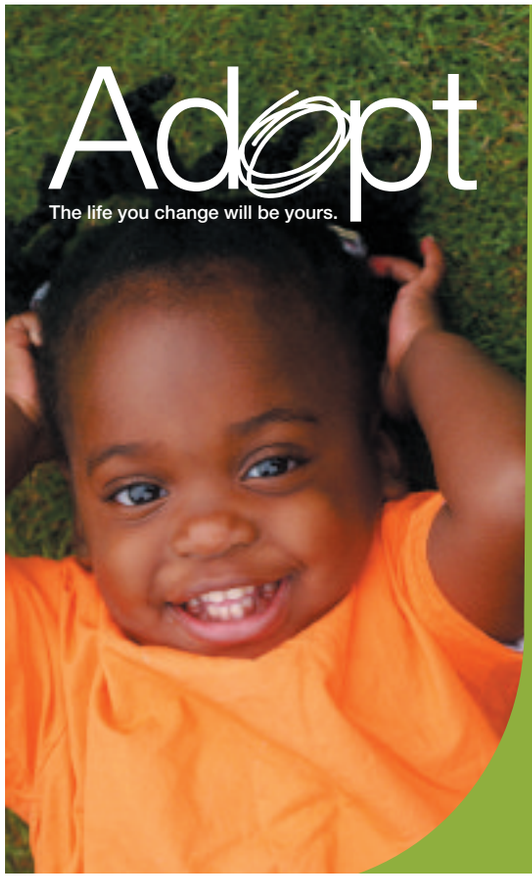

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020 8496 1588
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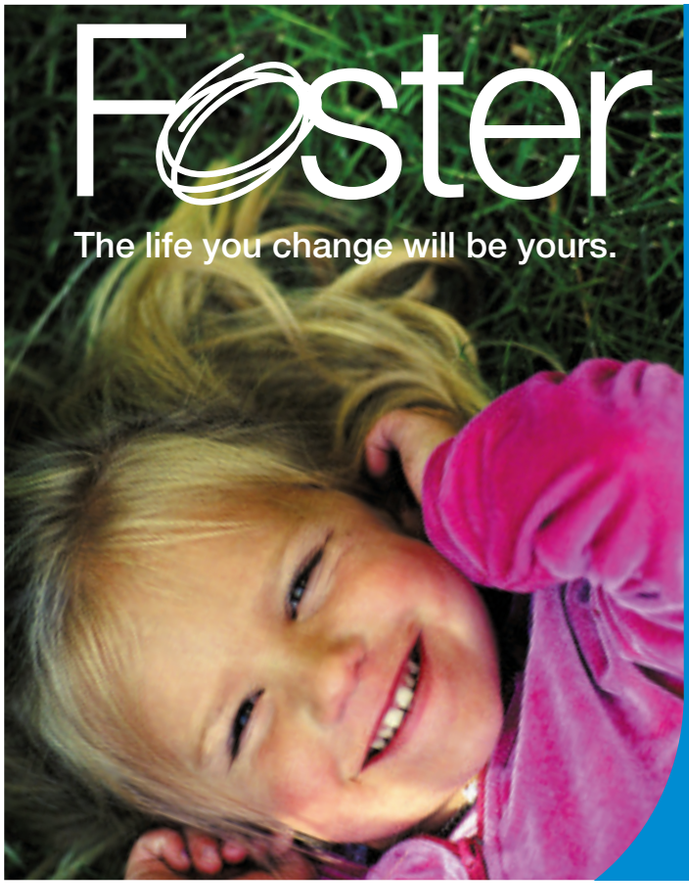

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